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Examiner: Crouch, D.

For:

Directed Differentiation of Embryonic Stem Cells

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP**

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- 1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application. Also enclosed is:
 - A. Declaration of Inventor in Support of Applicant's Response
 - B. Exhibits A-E

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600, ART UNIT 1632 RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 17, 2004

Dear Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview of March 3, 2005 to discuss the pending claims and the cited art. Applicant respectfully submits this response, with a Declaration under 35 USC § 1.132 by Dr. Benvenisty and his *curriculum vita* (Exhibit A), in reply to the Office Action of December 17, 2004, and asks that the following amendments be entered and the arguments be considered.

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